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FOR NAUMANN, INR/XR/RS

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1. PERMISSION TO DO RESEARCH MUST BE SOUGHT FROM THE PERMANENT SECRETARY, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, PRIVATE BAG 1, GABORONE, BOTSWANA. ACCOMPANYING THE LETTER APPLICATION SHOULD BE AN OUTLINE OF THE PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT GIVING DETAILS AND INDICATING THE AREAS OF THE COUNTRY THE RESEARCHER INTENDS TO VISIT AND ALSO THE LIKELY DURATION OF HIS STAY. IT IS ALSO HELPFUL TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WHAT EQUIPMENT WILL BE BROUGHT INTO THE COUNTRY AND WHETHER ANY LOCAL LABOUR WILL BE HIRED. THE RESEARCHER SHOULD GIVE A FULL ACCOUNT OF HIS ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS PROFESSION.

THE ISSUE OF A PERMIT TO DO RESEARCH IS GRANTED FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES WHICH CAN PROVE VALUABLE TO BOTH THE RESEARCH AND THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT GOALS. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO AREAS OF STUDY WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN RESEARCHED BUT ARE THOUGHT TO BE IMPORTANT.

THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT HAS TO BE NOTIFIED IF IT IS INTENDED TO REMOVE ANY DOCUMENTS OR MATERIALS, E.G., ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
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ARTIFACTS, FROM THE COUNTRY. SUCH REMOVAL IS SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT.

2. SEE ABOVE.

3. NO VISA IS REQUIRED FOR STAY UP TO SEVEN DAYS. AFTER ARRIVAL RESEARCHER MUST OBTAIN RESIDENCE PERMIT AT IMMIGRATION DEPART-

MENT. RESEARCHER MAY WISH TO OBTAIN A VISA BEFORE LEAVING THE UNITED STATES. REQUESTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE EMBASSY OF BOTSWANA 1825 CONN. AVE. N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.

A RESEARCHER MAY SEEK FORMAL AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY, NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT, PROVIDED THEY ARE AGREEABLE TO SUCH AN AFFILIATION.

5. ALTHOUGH ALL AREAS OF THE COUNTRY ARE OPEN TO TRAVEL THERE ARE REGIONS WHERE CONDITIONS MIGHT PREVENT EFFECTIVE RESEARCH. IT WILL NOT BE RECOMMENDED TO PLAN EXTENDED RESEARCH PROJECTS NEAR THE BORDER WITH RHODESIA UNTIL CONDITIONS IMPROVE. AT PRESENT THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING ALL PROPOSALS ON INDIVIDUAL MERIT EXCEPT THAT THE AREA OF WESTERN NGAMILAND IS CLOSED TO ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

6. THERE IS EXCELLENT, MODERATELY-SIZED LIBRARY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA WHERE A FIVE PULA FEE (SIX DOLLARS) ENTITLES NON-STUDENTS TO BORROW BOOKS. THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA HAS A NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE WITH SMALL BRANCHES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND A REASONABLY COMPLETE COLLECTION IN THE MAIN LIBRARY IN GABORONE. THE U.S.I.S. LIBRARY IS SMALL BUT MAY BE OF SOME USE. IN ADDITION THERE ARE SMALL SPECIFIC COLLECTIONS IN MOST OF THE GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES. THE GOVERNMENT ARCHIVES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AS A REFERENCE SOURCE.

7. OTHER THAN THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED EXCEPTIONS, THE GENERAL CLIMATE FOR RESEARCH IS GOOD. THE GOVERNMENT IS EXTREMELY HELPFUL AND COOPERATIVE AND MOST EXPATRIATES FIND THE ATMOSPHERE UNCLASSIFIED

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WHERE A POSITIVE ONE.

IT SHOULD BE STRESSED HOWEVER, THAT THE POLITICAL SITUATION IS UNCERTAIN AND THAT RESEARCHERS SHOULD OBTAIN CURRENT REPORTS OF ITS STATUS BEFORE PLANNING TO SPEND TIME IN THE NORTH EAST.

8. THERE IS A CONDITION STIPULATED IN THE PERMIT THAT THE RESEARCHER MUST DEPOSIT ONE COPY OF ANY PAPERS WRITTEN, AS A RESULT OF HIS RESEARCH, WITH THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND ANOTHER WITH THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OR MINISTRY RELATED TO HIS WORK.

THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA HAS THE RIGHT OF CENSORSHIP BUT DOES NOT ABUSE IT.

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